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Applicant : Michael M. Ramarge et al. Art Unit : 2832
Serial No. : 09/940,539 Examiner : Karl Easthom
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Title : MECHANICAL REINFORCEMENT TO IMPROVE HIGH CURRENT, SHORT DURATION WITHSTAND OF A MONOLITHIC DISK OR BONDED DISK STACK

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the action dated April 18, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1, 3, 5-20, 22-27, and 55-96.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for 2 month(s) to and including September 18, 2003 is enclosed, along with a check in the amount of \$410.00 (PTO closed September 18 and 19 due to hurricane).

A check in the amount of \$320 for the appeal fee is enclosed. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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